

plan prepared under Section 59.97(3). As indicated in Chapter IX of this report, the Waukesha County development plan incorporates a set of criteria for the identification of prime agricultural lands substantially different from the criteria utilized in the 1984 County agricultural preservation plan. Accordingly, following adoption of the County development plan, Waukesha County should revise, the existing County agricultural preservation plan to achieve consistency with the new development plan, meeting all of the requirements pertaining to the preparation of county agricultural preservation plans set forth in Chapter 91 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The development plan for Waukesha County presented in this report represents the first county development plan, prepared under the provisions of Section 69.97(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, in the seven-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region. The plan provides the County and the thirteen civil towns in the County a basis for cooperative decision-making in their efforts to guide urban and rural development within the County through the year 2010 and beyond. Consistent application of the plan will assure the orderly growth of urban development areas; the maintenance of rural character in rural development areas; the preservation of the remaining prime agricultural lands for agricultural use; the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas, including, most importantly, the primary environmental corridors; the provision of a balanced housing stock as warranted by the wide range of employment opportunities provided within the County; and the efficient and effective provision of transportation facilities, parks, and other public facilities and services.